

potato stocks



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STOCKS DOWN 7 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

Stocks of Irish potatoes held in storage for all uses by growers, local dealers and processors in fall production areas totaled 77.6 million cwt. on March 1, 1974, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is 7 percent less than the 83.3 million cwt. on hand March 1 of last year and 21 percent less than the 98.5 million cwt. on hand March 1, 1972.

In the eight Eastern States, March 1, 1974, supplies totaled 15.4 million cwt., 13 percent below the 17.6 million on hand a year earlier and 40 percent below the same period in 1972. Maine stocks at 13.0 million cwt. were 2.3 million below last year and 8.0 million cwt. less than March 1, 1972. Pennsylvania stocks remained above year earlier levels.

For the eight Central States, stocks of 13.6 million cwt. were 2 percent below the March 1, 1973 stocks and 32 percent less than 1972. Stocks in storage on March 1, 1974 were below year earlier levels in all States except Wisconsin and Nebraska. North Dakota stocks at 5.5 million cwt, were slightly below the 5.6 million cwt. on hand a year earlier while Minnesota at 4.1 million cwt. was slightly below last year.

Stocks of 48.6 million cwt. in the eight Western States were 6 percent less than the March 1, 1973 stocks of 51.7 million. In all States except Washington, stocks were lower than on the same date in 1973. Idaho stocks at 31.0 million cwt. were 3.5 million cwt. below last year. At 9.1 million cwt. Washington stocks were 2.0 million cwt. above a year earlier.

Disappearance to March 1 from the 1973 fall crop of 252.0 million cwt. was 174.4 million cwt. Comparable disappearance from the 1972 production totaled 165.5 million cwt. and from the 1971 crop totaled 168.2 million. Usage of potatoes for processing from the 1973 crops to March 1, 1974 in Maine, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Michigan, Minnesota and North Dakota totaled 68.8 million cwt., up 10 percent from the 62.4 million cwt. used for the corresponding period last year.

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Table 1. Fall Potatoes: Production, December 1, January 1, February 1, March 1, and April 1 total stocks, crops of 1963-73 in the fall States

Crop year	Production	TOTAL STOCKS				
		Following year				
		December 1	January 1	February 1	March 1	April 1
		1,000 cwt.				
1963	198,195	136,995	115,000	89,300	67,280	
1964	174,491	114,550	94,205	73,120	54,535	
1965	216,749	147,780	124,170	98,670	74,905	
1966	228,442	153,550	128,050	103,630	79,632	
1967	231,656	161,500	139,170	112,640	86,405	
1968	221,906	152,810	130,350	104,995	81,940	
1969	239,460	162,800	138,140	111,510	87,620	
1970	253,525	175,145	150,030	122,830	96,780	
1971 <u>1/</u>	266,686	176,340	151,400	124,370	98,480	
1972 <u>2/</u>	248,841	158,440	134,320	107,165	83,305	<u>3/</u> 58,185
1973	252,033	154,635	128,890	102,430	77,585	

1/ Beginning with 1971, late summer production for N. Y.-L. I., Wisc., and Wash. has been classified as fall.

2/ Revised August 1973 Pot 6 (73).

3/ April 1 stocks effective with 1972 crop year.

Table 2. Potatoes: Used for processing 1/, seven States, 1972 and 1973 crops

State and area	From 1972 crop			From 1973 crop
	To March 1	To April 1	Entire	To March 1
	1973	1973	season	1974
	1,000 cwt.			
Maine	6,663	7,380	8,635	5,934
Idaho and Malheur Co.				
Oregon	30,476	35,944	49,215	33,969
Washington and Other Oregon areas	18,450	21,040	25,220	21,644
Other States <u>2/</u>	6,858	8,056	9,908	7,283
Seven State Total	62,447	72,420	92,986	68,830

1/ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Does not include quantities used for potato chips in Maine and Michigan.

2/ Michigan, Minnesota and North Dakota.

Table 3. Potatoes: Production and total stocks of Fall potatoes held by growers processors, and local dealers on March 1, 1973 and March 1, 1974 ^{1/}

State	Crop of 1972		Crop of 1973	
	Production	Stocks	Production	Stocks
		March 1, 1973		March 1, 1974
	1,000 cwt.			
California	7,403	1,900	6,100	1,250
Colorado	7,905	2,850	8,235	2,350
Connecticut				
Idaho	77,295	34,500	77,530	31,000
Indiana			1,238	70
Maine	33,280	15,300	28,770	13,000
Massachusetts				
Michigan	7,875	1,900	7,520	1,700
Minnesota	13,260	4,150	13,120	4,100
Montana	1,650	1,350	1,462	1,150
Nebraska	968	310	968	320
New Hampshire				
New York - L. I.	5,585	500	5,500	600
- Upstate	4,973	750	6,670	700
North Dakota	17,400	5,600	19,140	5,500
Ohio			1,800	150
Oregon	14,436	3,500	15,915	3,400
Pennsylvania	5,100	850	6,000	950
Rhode Island				
South Dakota				
Utah	1,011	190	1,100	180
Vermont				
Washington	31,365	7,100	35,260	9,100
Wisconsin	11,530	1,700	11,515	1,750
Wyoming	1,316	300	1,220	145
Other States 2/	6,489	555	3/2,970	3/170
Total 24 Fall States	248,841	83,305	252,033	77,585

^{1/} Stocks consist of "Production less total disappearance to date".

^{2/} Includes Connecticut, Indiana, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Dakota and Vermont.

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Table 4. Potatoes: Fall crop production and sales, 1966-73

Year	Production	Sold ^{1/}	Percent sold
		1,000 cwt.	
1966	228,442	192,214	84
1967	231,656	201,403	87
1968	221,906	196,100	88
1969	239,460	210,698	88
1970	253,525	223,639	88
1971	266,686	232,906	87
1972	248,841	223,468	90
1973	252,033	<u>2/</u>	

^{1/} Includes potatoes sold for all purposes -- food, processing, seed and Livestock feed.

^{2/} Available August 1974 in Potato Disposition and Utilization Report.

Table 5. Population: Total and Civilian, United States, 1966-73 and Projected 1974-75

Year	Total including Armed Forces overseas	Civilian resident
	January 1 : July 1	January 1 : July 1
	Millions	
1966	195.5 : 196.6	192.6 : 193.4
1967	197.7 : 198.7	194.4 : 195.3
1968	199.8 : 200.7	196.4 : 197.1
1969	201.8 : 202.7	198.3 : 199.1
1970	203.8 : 204.9	200.5 : 201.7
1971	206.1 : 207.0	203.1 : 204.3
1972	208.1 : 209.2	205.5 : 206.7
1973	209.7 : 210.4	207.3 : 208.1
Projections		
1974	211.1 : 211.9	208.9 : 209.6
1975	212.6 : 213.4	210.4 : 211.2

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